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SUBJ: SADAT ATTACKS WAFD, RUSSIAN AGENTS, AND NASSERISTS

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SUMMARY: SADAT SAYS PUBLIC WILL REJECT WAFD. GREEDY MERCHANTS TO BE TREATED WITHOUT MERCY. POLICE ORDERED OPEN FIRE IN EVENT RECURRENCE JAN RIOTING. ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW.
END SUMMARY

1. WAFD. BREAKING SELF IMPOSED RAMADAN SILENCE IN AUG 29 SPEECH IN TANTA, PRES SADAT ATTACKED WAFD POLITICIANS, "SO CALLED NASSERISTS", AND MOSCOW AGENTS. SAID THERE NO TURNING BACK EGYPTIAN CLOCK; OCT GENERATION WILL NOT ACCEPT THESE INDIVIDUALS RETURN TO POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP. SADAT LIKENED SARAG AL-DIN (WITHOUT MENTIONING HIM BY NAME) TO CORPSE TRYING RESUSCIATE ITSELF. IN PERHAPS CRUELEST BLOW OF ALL, PRES
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SAID PEOPLE WILL NOT GIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE TO THOSE WHO HAD BEEN GOVERNED IN PAST BY BRITISH EMBASSY'S ORIENTAL SECRETARY - CLEAR REFERENCE TO EARLIER WAFD REGIMES.

2. USSR: SADAT MADE REPEATED REFERENCES TO RUSSIAN "AGENTS", BUT ASSURED AUDIENCE THAT EGYPTIAN PUBLIC WOULD REJECT ANY FOREIGN PHILOSOPHY. CLAIMED PUBLIC AIRING SUCH PHILOS-

OPHIES, HOWEVER, IS PRICE EGYPT MUST PAY FOR DEMOCRACY.
SADAT SARCASTICALLY NOTED THERE THOSE ADVOCATING FREEDOM TODAY
ARE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHO ESTABLISHED CONCENTRATION CAMPS
DURING NASSER'S ERA.

3. PRICE WAR. SADAT WARNED MERCHANTS THAT THEY WILL BE TREATED
WITHOUT MERCY IF CAUGHT EXCEEDING GOVT IMPOSED PRICE LEVELS.
AT SAME TIME, REFERRING TO POSSIBLE RECURRENCE OF JAN
RIOTING, SAID HE HAD ORDERED DEPMIN OF INTERIOR NABAWI TO HAVE
POLICE OPEN FIRE ON ANYONE ATTEMPTING DESTROY PUBLIC OR
PRIVATE PROPERTY. HE PARTICULARLY REFERRED TO ANY ATTACKS ON
PUBLIC TRANSPORT. PRESIDENT ADMITTED EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION
WILL REMAIN DIFFICULT FOR NEXT FEW YEARS, BUT CLAIMED CORNER
WILL BE TURNED BY 1980.

4. MID-EAST. SADAT NOTED FONMIN FAHMY OFF TO NEW YORK AND
WASHINGTON SHORTLY TO PREPARE FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA
CONF. SAID DESPITE ISRAELI ARROGANCE, IN THE END "SHE WILL
HAVE TO DIWTHDRAW FROM OUR LAND".

5. COMMENT: SADAT CLEARLY DOES NOT WANT REVIVED WAFD TO PLAY
POLITICAL ROLE IN PRESENT DAY EGYPT. STILL, HE HAS NOT STATED
THAT PARTY WILL BE BANNED, MERELY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT
IT WILL BE REJECTED BY PUCLIC. HIS STRONG ATTACK, HOWEVER,
COUPLED WITH CENTER PARTY ACTIVITIES NOTED, REFTEL, WILL MKAE
IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR WAFDISTS TO COMPLY WITH PRIVISIONS
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OF PARTY LAW.

6. INTERESTING THAT SADAT STILL REFERRING TO 1980 AS YEAR
CORNER WILL BE TURNED. KAISSOUNI TOLD AMB HE HAS BEEN TRY-
ING TO EDUCATE PRESIDENT TO REALITY THAT THIS POINT WILL NOT
BE REACHED BEFORE 1981, AT EARLIEST.
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